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REMARKS

Claims 1-31, 33-45, and new claims 59-60 are now pending. Withdrawn claims 46-58 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 59-60 are added to protect certain features.

All rejections are moot by amendment. Applicants have developed "processes for preparing nanotubes composite materials and fibers that provide exceptional nanotube alignment and dispersion." *Applicants' Abstract*. This is considerably more complicated than simply adding fillers to polymers.

Applicants respectfully point out that the batch-wise rejection of the dependent claims fails to satisfy the purposes of the examination process. MPEP §2144.08 states: "[t]o establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness in a genus-species chemical composition situation, as in any other 35 U.S.C. 103 case, it is essential that Office personnel find *some motivation or suggestion* to make the claimed invention in light of the prior art teachings." Also, rejections must be made with reasonable specificity. *Cf.* MPEP §2142.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to call the undersigned representative at (215) 568-3100.

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